

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Deputations**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes – 2 November, 2013**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 2 November, 2013 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November, 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

5. **Business arising from Minutes – 10 September, 2013**

Request for BBQ at Pop Dennison Park

The provision of a BBQ and shelter at Pop Dennison park has been approved and will be installed once budget has been allocated.

6. **Business arising from Minutes – 2 November, 2013**

Walkway – Missingham Bridge to Sailing Club

A section of the pathway, approximately 250 metres long, is affected by the roots of Pandanus trees. Repairs were undertaken along this section a few years ago but the damage has re-occurred. The existing asphalt path requires replacement with concrete as a long term solution. This work will have to be considered for inclusion in a future works program. In the meantime, line marking will be used to highlight the areas of rough surface and some minor repairs will be undertaken.

With regard to the width of the path, the narrow sections are the result of sand covering the sides of the path. The sand will be removed to restore the original width, where possible.

Commemoration Park Playground

The current capital works plan does not include a shade structure for Commemoration Park. Council has recently considered a report regarding a draft Playground Upgrade and Renewal Program.

The focus for the next four years under this program is to review existing assets because the major portion of Council's equipment has either passed its economic life or does not meet contemporary safety standards.

Council has recently resolved to review this draft program further prior to public exhibition therefore there will be opportunity to assess the merits and priorities of this proposal as part of this review or in the community consultation phase.

It is noted shaded play equipment at Missingham Park is available in close proximity to Commemoration Park.

Availability of Porter Park Community Consultation

A report was presented to the December Council Meeting outlining the findings of the first stage of the community consultation. The recommendation was to exhibit a landscape plan prepared in response to the consultation. This consultation period is proposed to commence in March 2014.

Request for Bin at the Spit Area

After a site inspection by staff, two bins have been installed near the market area under trial for six months to assess usage and vandalism issues.

Replacement of Trees Behind Maritime Museum

Staff have inspected the area and determined that there was no dead trees. Some of the trees were declining and suffering from stress. Council staff will arrange the mulching and watering of the trees and this should relieve the trees of stress and dissuade people from parking under them. Ongoing tree health monitoring will occur.

7. Anzac Centenary Local Grants Funding Available

The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program will assist and encourage communities across Australia to undertake their own Anzac Centenary projects that commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women in the First World War. The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program is a key element of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary program through which funding of up to \$125,000 will be made available for each Federal Member of Parliament (MP) to support projects in their electorate commemorating the First World War. In the Page Electorate funding will be distributed evenly across the five regions at \$25,000 per region.

Types of projects eligible under this program include:

- public commemorative events, including the commemoration of important military anniversaries, enlistments and other First World War events that have had a significant impact on the local community;
- new First World War memorials or honour boards;
- the restoration of existing First World War memorials or honour boards;

- the preservation, interpretation and display of First World War wartime and military memorabilia and artefacts; and
- relevant school projects, such as research with a focus on military involvement and social impacts, and the products of research, e.g. written material, documentaries etc.

Who can apply:

- Community and ex-service organisations
- Schools and other educational institutions
- Museums and cultural institutions
- Local government authorities
- Other non-profit community organisations

The input of the local community is a key priority of this Program, and each Member of the House of Representatives (MP), and representatives of the local community selected by them, will provide key input into the assessment of proposals against this priority. A regional sub-committee has been formed in Ballina that will assess all applications from the Ballina local government area and make recommendations for funding.

A closing date for applications from the public to the Office of Kevin Hogan will be **Monday 14 April**, 2014. Applications will then be forwarded to the Ballina sub-committee for assessment. The local MP is responsible for submitting applications to the Department Veterans' Affairs by **Friday 30 May** 2014.

Additional funding opportunities include:

Department of Veteran's Affairs – Saluting their Service Commemorations Grant (small grants \$3,000 and \$4,000) – aims to support projects and activities that directly commemorate Australia's servicemen and women.

Department of Veteran's Affairs – Veteran and Community Grants (\$2,000 - \$50,000) - aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community.

The above information is provided for general information. Council is not administering the program and as such, further enquiries should be directed to one of the contacts listed below.

Useful Contacts

Kevin Hogan MP, Federal Member for Page for:

1. Information/clarification of assessment process
2. local committee contact details

Phone: 02 6621 4044

Fax: 02 6621 4255

Email: kevin.hogan.mp@aph.gov.au

Liaison Contact: Christine Bourne, Office Manager, Office of Kevin Hogan

Email: chris.bourne@aph.gov.au

Department of Veterans' Affairs for:

1. Information/ clarification of application criteria
2. Application forms

Freecall – 1800 026 185

- Susan Nolan, Assistant Director, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants
- Jennifer Hollis, Project Officer, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants
- Hilary McClure, Project Officer, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants

Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs for:

1. Information/ clarification of a proposal's relevance to commemorations
2. Closing date

Phone: 02 6277 7820

Fax: 02 6273 4140

Email: Robert.hardie@dva.gov.au

Liaison contact: Robert Hardie, Advisor

8. General Business

Nil

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Report on Public Hearing into the proposed reclassification of Council land at Ballina Quays Canals, Banyanda Lake and Old Bagotville Road, Wardell.
- Planning Proposal BSCPP 13/009 – General Amendment (1) – closing date 13 December 2013.
- Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2013/2014 to 2016/2017 – Amendment – closing date 9 December 2013.
- Donations – Financial Assistance for Community Groups Policy – closing date 5 March 2014.
- Community Gardens Policy – closing date 5 March 2014.
- Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment No.2 – Cumbalum Precinct B – closing date 21 March 2014.
- Our Community: Our Culture Ballina Shire Cultural Plan 2014 -2020 – closing date 28 March 2014.
- Part V Application– Marine Search and Rescue Tower – closing date 28 March 2014.
- Re-exhibition of Draft Ballina Shire Car Parking Contributions Plan 2014 – closing date 4 April 2014.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 13 May, 2014 at 4.00 p.m.